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SUBJECT: KHMER UN CREDENTIALS: GERMAN PROPOSAL

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1. KHMER CHARGE HONG HOEUNG DOEUNG TOLD EMBOFF SEPT. 13 THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR NAKAYAMA GAVE FAREWELL LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 12 FOR DEPARTING LAO AMBASSADOR KHAMPHAN PANYA. AT LUNCHEON NAKAYAMA TOLD GUESTS (MOSTLY KHAMPHAN'S ASIAN COLLEAGUES) THAT AT RECENT EC-NINE ASIAN EXPERTS MEETING GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD PUT FORTH PROPOSAL THAT GKR VACATE THE CAMBODIAN SEAT IN UN. JAPANESE SAID GERMANS HAD IMPLIED THIS PROPOSAL HAD SOME SUPPORT FROM KHMER COMMUNISTS, AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT WAS PRESENTED AS INITIATIVE WITH FULL SUPPORT OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT. MANY PARTICIPANTS AT LUNCHEON THOUGHT PROPOSAL WAS REASONABLE COMPROMISE WHICH GKR SHOULD CONSIDER; DOEUNG ARGUED AGAINST THE PROPOSAL SAYING THAT IT IN EFFECT LEFT THE WAY COMPLETELY OPEN FOR COMMUNISTS. TACTIC WAS ONE WHICH
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HAD BEEN USED BY COMMUNISTS BEFORE, AND THEY HAD

USUALLY NOT LIVED UP TO ANY ASSURANCES NOT TO PUSH TO
FILL THE VACANCY WITH THEIR CANDIDATE.

2. DOEUNG HAD HEARD ALSO THAT INDONESIA HAD DISCUSSED
SIMILAR SUGGESTION. HE WONDERED WHETHER GERMANS WERE
REALLY THE ORIGIN OF THIS PROPOSAL (PERHAPS WITH
SOME ASSISTANCE FROM ECCENTRIC SIHANOUK REPRESENTATIVES)
OR WHETHER COMMUNISTS HAD STARTED COMBINED CAMPAIGN
USING BOTH IMPRESSIONABLE GERMANS AND INDONESIANS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION FROM ADDRESSEES.
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